

adults, their families, and healthcare providers, and injury prevention programs that focus on the reduction and prevention of falls among older adults; and

Whereas the Falls Free Coalition Advocacy Work Group, its numerous supporting organizations and all other supportive organizations, should be commended for their efforts to raise awareness and to promote greater understanding, research, and pilot programs to prevent falls among older adults: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 22, 2008, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Day”;

(2) commends the National Falls Free Coalition and all other supportive organizations for their efforts to promote awareness about preventing and reducing falls among older people in the United States;

(3) encourages the private sector, the public health community, healthcare providers, advocacy organizations, and Federal, State, and local governments to work together to increase education and awareness about the prevention of falls; and

(4) urges national and community organizations, businesses, individuals, and the media to use National Falls Prevention Awareness Day to promote awareness of this important public health problem in an effort to reduce the incidence of falls among older people in the United States.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to submit legislation designating September 22, 2008, as National Falls Prevention Awareness Day. Earlier this year Senator ENZI and I worked together to pass a law that expands research and education on elder falls. Passing our resolution is yet another way we can help raise awareness and educate the Nation about this serious issue. Falls prevention helps seniors live longer, healthier, and more independent lives.

Falls are the leading cause of injury deaths among older adults. In 2005, falls among older adults accounted for 16,000 deaths, 1.8 million emergency department visits, and 433,000 hospitalizations. In Maryland alone, falls resulted in roughly 340 deaths, 23,000 falls-related emergency room visits, and 13,000 hospitalizations. The resulting costs to the individual, their families, and the health care system are avoidable.

I am pleased to continue to work with the Falls Free Coalition Advocacy Work Group comprised of the Home Safety Council, the National Council on Aging, the National Safety Council, the American Occupational Therapy Association, the American Physical Therapy Association, AARP, and many other concerned advocates to prevent elder falls. Together, I am hopeful we can continue to improve the quality of life for America's seniors through awareness and prevention.

SENATE RESOLUTION 675—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE GOALS OF NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY AND NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH BY PROMOTING NATIONAL AWARENESS OF ADOPTION AND THE CHILDREN AWAITING FAMILIES, CELEBRATING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES INVOLVED IN ADOPTION, AND ENCOURAGING AMERICANS TO SECURE SAFETY, PERMANENCY, AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL CHILDREN

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BURR, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DEMINT, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. INOUE, Mr. SALAZAR, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. MENENDEZ (submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 675

Whereas there are approximately 510,000 children in the foster care system in the United States, approximately 129,000 of whom are waiting for families to adopt them;

Whereas 61 percent of the children in foster care are age 10 or younger;

Whereas the average length of time a child spends in foster care is over 3 years;

Whereas, for many foster children, the wait for a loving family in which they are nurtured, comforted, and protected seems endless;

Whereas the number of youth who “age out” of foster care by reaching adulthood without being placed in a permanent home has continued to increase since 1998, and more than 26,000 foster youth age out every year;

Whereas every day loving and nurturing families are strengthened and expanded when committed and dedicated individuals make an important difference in the life of a child through adoption;

Whereas a 2007 survey conducted by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption demonstrated that though “Americans overwhelmingly support the concept of adoption, and in particular foster care adoption . . . foster care adoptions have not increased significantly over the past five years”;

Whereas, while 4 in 10 Americans have considered adoption, a majority of Americans have misperceptions about the process of adopting children from foster care and the children who are eligible for adoption;

Whereas 71 percent of those who have considered adoption consider adopting children from foster care above other forms of adoption;

Whereas 45 percent of Americans believe that children enter the foster care system because of juvenile delinquency, when in reality the vast majority of children who have entered the foster care system were victims of neglect, abandonment, or abuse;

Whereas 46 percent of Americans believe that foster care adoption is expensive, when in reality there is no substantial cost for adopting from foster care and financial sup-

port is available to adoptive parents after the adoption is finalized;

Whereas both National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month occur in November;

Whereas National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to find permanent, loving families for children in the foster care system;

Whereas, since the first National Adoption Day in 2000, more than 20,000 children have joined forever families during National Adoption Day;

Whereas, in 2007, adoptions were finalized for over 4,200 children through more than 260 National Adoption Day events in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico; and

Whereas the President traditionally issues an annual proclamation to declare November as National Adoption Month, and National Adoption Day is on November 15, 2008: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month;

(2) recognizes that every child should have a permanent and loving family; and

(3) encourages the citizens of the United States to consider adoption during the month of November and all throughout the year.

SENATE RESOLUTION 676—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF RED RIBBON WEEK

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mrs. CLINTON, (submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 676

Whereas the Red Ribbon Campaign was established to commemorate the service of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, an 11-year special agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration who was murdered in the line of duty in 1985 while engaged in the battle against illicit drugs;

Whereas the Red Ribbon Campaign has been sponsored by the National Family Partnership and nationally recognized since 1988 to preserve Special Agent Camarena's memory and further the cause for which he gave his life, and is now the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the Nation, reaching millions of young people each year during Red Ribbon Week;

Whereas the Drug Enforcement Administration, committed throughout its 35 years to aggressively targeting organizations involved in the growing, manufacturing, and distribution of controlled substances, has been a steadfast partner in commemorating Red Ribbon Week;

Whereas the Governors and Attorneys General of the States, the National Family Partnership, Parent Teacher Associations, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and more than 100 other organizations throughout the United States annually celebrate Red Ribbon Week during the period of October 23 through October 31;

Whereas the objective of Red Ribbon Week is to promote the creation of drug-free communities through drug prevention efforts,

education, parental involvement, and community-wide support;

Whereas drug abuse is one of the major challenges that the Nation faces in securing a safe and healthy future for families in the United States;

Whereas drug abuse and alcohol abuse contribute to domestic violence and sexual assault and place the lives of children at risk;

Whereas, although public awareness of illicit drug use is increasing, emerging drug threats and growing epidemics demand attention, including the abuse of methamphetamines, inhalants, and prescription medications, the second most abused drug by young people in the United States;

Whereas, between 1996 and 2006, the percentages of admissions to substance abuse treatment programs as a result of the abuse of methamphetamines, prescription medications, and marijuana each significantly rose;

Whereas drug dealers specifically target children by marketing illicit drugs that mimic the appearance and names of well known brand-name candies and foods; and

Whereas parents, youths, schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies, religious institutions, service organizations, senior citizens, medical and military personnel, sports teams, and individuals throughout the United States will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long celebration: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week;

(2) encourages children and teens to choose to live drug-free lives; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to promote the creation of drug-free communities and to participate in drug prevention activities to show support for healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles.

SENATE RESOLUTION 677 TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN RAMSEY, ET AL. V. WILSON, ET AL.

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 677

Whereas, in the case of Ramsey, et al. v. Wilson, et al., Case No. 06-82, pending in federal district court in the Southern District of Ohio, the United States has requested testimony from a former employee of the office of Senator George Voinovich;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§ 288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That Anthony Condia is authorized to testify in the case of Ramsey, et al. v. Wilson, et al. and related proceedings, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Anthony Condia in connection with the action referenced in section one of this resolution.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 100—AUTHORIZING THE LAST SURVIVING UNITED STATES VETERAN OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR TO LIE IN HONOR IN THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL UPON HIS DEATH

Mr. BYRD submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. CON. RES. 100

Whereas the veterans of the First World War fought bravely and made heroic sacrifices for the Allied forces;

Whereas the veterans of the First World War suffered the terrors of both trench warfare and the chemical battlefield;

Whereas the veterans of the First World War suffered the scourge of the Spanish influenza pandemic;

Whereas past resolutions have sought authorization for veterans, representative of specific wars, to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol;

Whereas it is the desire of all veterans to honor both those who serve and those who have served in time of war and peace;

Whereas it is the Nation's collective desire to express its gratitude for the sacrifice and service of all First World War veterans; and

Whereas Frank Woodruff Buckles, born February 1, 1901, in Bethany, Missouri, and residing in Jefferson County, West Virginia, at age 107, is believed to be the last surviving United States veteran of the First World War: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. HONORING VETERANS OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In recognition of the historic contributions of United States veterans who served in the First World War, the last surviving United States veteran of the First World War shall be permitted to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol upon his death, so that the citizens of the United States may pay their last respects to these great Americans.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Architect of the Capitol, under the direction and supervision of the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall take the necessary steps to implement subsection (a), including, if necessary, scheduling the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the purposes described in such subsection at such a time as such use will not coincide with the use of the Capitol for an Inauguration or a State of the Union address.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 5632. Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. BOXER, and Ms. MURKOWSKI)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5834, to amend the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 to promote respect for the fundamental human rights of the people of North Korea, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 5632. Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. BOXER, and Ms. MURKOWSKI)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R.

5834, to amend the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 to promote respect for the fundamental human rights of the people of North Korea, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 3, beginning on line 4, strike the comma and all that follows to the end period and insert the following: "and has increased the bounty paid for turning in North Korean refugees".

On page 3, beginning on line 11, strike "including" and all that follows through "killings" on line 17.

On page 4, line 4, strike "On February", and insert the following: "Since the passage of the North Korean Human Rights Act, Congress has on several occasions expressed interest in the status of North Korean refugees, and on February".

On page 4, line 19, strike "at overseas posts".

On page 5, line 10, after "should", insert "continue to".

On page 6, line 3, strike "rights, humanitarian, and refugee issues," and insert the following: "rights and humanitarian issues, and to participate in policy planning and implementation with respect to refugee issues,".

On page 7, line 20, strike "\$4,000,000" and insert "\$2,000,000".

On page 9, line 13, after "including", insert the following: ", in coordination with the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration,".

On page 9, line 21, strike "coordinate" and insert "participate in the formulation and".

On page 11, line 13, strike "paragraphs" and insert "paragraph".

On page 11, strike line 14 and all that follows through line 19.

On page 11, line 20, strike "(4)" and insert "(3)".

On page 12, lines 3 and 4, strike "may be provided in a classified format, if necessary" and insert the following: "shall be provided in unclassified form, with a classified annex, if necessary".

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Tuesday, September 23, at 10 a.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting to consider pending legislative issues.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 202-224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, September 25, at 2:15 p.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on (1) H.R. 1294, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2007; (2) S. 514, Muscogee Nation of Florida Federal Recognition Act; (3) S. 724, Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act of 2007; and (4) S. 1058, Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians of Michigan Referral Act.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 202-224-2251.